

LONGDENDALE URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL.

ANNUAL REPORT of the MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH for the Year 1944.

To the Chairman and Members of the Urban District Council.

Gentlemen,

I have the honour to submit my Report on the Health and Sanitary circumstances of the District for the year 1944.

The health of the District was on the whole very satisfactory. The scourge of Scabies was eliminated. This condition at one time during the war threatened to become a menace in the district, and your foresight in adopting the Ministry of Health circular No. 2517, 1941, contributed largely to its effective control.

My thanks are due to your very able Sanitary Inspector, Mr. Haynes, for the invaluable help he has given.

AREA AND POPULATION.

Area: The acreage of the District at the end of 1944 was 3,547.

Population: The Registrar General estimated this to be 4,421.

Rateable

Value: This amounted to £22,372, the sum represented by a penny rate being:

£93. 0. 0. gross.

£88. 0. 0. nett.

PUBLIC HEALTH LAWS.

The following Adoptive Laws are in force:-

- (1) Infectious Diseases (Preventive) Act.
- (2) Public Health Act.

The Bye-Laws in force relate to the following:-

- (1) New Street and Buildings.
- (2) Common Lodging Houses.
- (3) Slaughter Houses
- (4) Houses let in Lodgings.
- (5) Cleansing and Scavenging.
- (6) Offensive Trades.
- (7) Nuisances.

VITAL STATISTICS.

Live Births: There were 69 births during the year, 30 being males and 39 females.

Still Births: 3 Cases were reported during the year.

Infantile Mortality:

The number of deaths of infants under 1 year was 4. This gives an infantile mortality rate of 57.9 per 1,000 live births.

Deaths: The number of deaths during the year was 61. Of these 25 were males and 36 were females. The death rate per 1,000 of estimated population is therefore 13.7. The Principal causes of death:

<u>Disease.</u>	<u>Number.</u>
Intracranial Vascular Disease.	7
Cancer	7
Nephritis	5
Digestive Diseases.	5
Heart Disease	12
Influenza	3
Tuberculosis	3

Infectious Diseases:

<u>Disease.</u>	<u>Number.</u>
Whooping Cough	37
Scarlet Fever	29
Chicken Pox	22
Measles	12
Diphtheria	8
Pneumonia	8
Erysipelas	2

Tuberculosis:

Specimens of sputum examined for tubercle bacilli in the Cheshire County Council Public Health Laboratory during 1944 numbered 24. Only three of these were positive. Seven new cases of tuberculosis were notified during the year, there being 3 males and 4 females. Total number of cases remaining on the Register at the end of 1944 was 40. Of these 23 were males and 17 were females.

Schools:

The work of routine School Medical Inspection was carried out as in the previous year by a Medical Officer appointed by the Cheshire County Council. The sanitary arrangements and conditions in the schools were reported satisfactory.

Diphtheria Prophylaxis:

The percentage of child population fully immunised against diphtheria at 31st December 1944, is as follows:-

<u>Under 5</u>	<u>Between 5 and 15.</u>
88%	78.5

Number of cases of diphtheria under 15 years of age notified during the year was 8. Number of deaths from diphtheria, Nil.

Milk Supply:

The Regulations applying to Dairies, Cowsheds and Milk-shops were enforced. The 10 accredited farms in the district were inspected by the Inspector during the year.

Water Supply:

The source is an upland spring from the Arnfield Clough. The water is of exceptional purity and the supply has been adequate.

## GENERAL PROVISIONS OF HEALTH SERVICES.

Small Pox. Beds are retained in the Heartshead Small Pox Hospital for cases occurring in the District.

Tuberculosis. Tuberculous patients attend the Tuberculosis Clinic in Hyde. Patients are sent to Sanatoria on the recommendation of the County Tuberculosis Officer.

Diphtheria. Diphtheria cases are admitted into Hyde Infectious Diseases Hospital.

Venereal Diseases. Treatment is provided for Venereal diseases at the District Infirmary, Ashton-under-Lyne.

Maternity Services. A County Midwife resides in Hollingworth for the domiciliary midwifery in the District. There are also excellent facilities provided for expectant mothers at the Lake Hospital and the District Infirmary both in Ashton-under-Lyne.

Child Welfare; There is a child welfare centre in Hollingworth for the District under a Medical Officer assisted by a Nurse. The clinic is held fortnightly.

Professional Nursing; There are two District Nurses, one for Hollingworth and Tintwistle and the other for Mottram and Broadbottom.

## SANITARY ADMINISTRATION.

The Sanitary Inspector works under the direction of the Medical Officer of Health. The work is concerned mainly with the inspection of the District and the detection and eradication of nuisance. He also supervises the scavenging of the District.

## CHEMICAL AND BACTERIOLOGICAL WORK.

Specimens for Chemical and Bacteriological examinations are sent to the County Public Health Laboratory, Chester, the Public Health Laboratory, Manchester, and the Royal Infirmary Laboratory, Chester.

I have the honour to be, Gentlemen,

Your Obedient Servant,  
HERBERT C. KODILINYE,  
M.B., Ch.B., D.O. Oxon., D.O.M.S. Eng.  
Medical Officer of Health.



October, 1945.

HOLLINGWORTH CHILD WELFARE CENTRE  
MEDICAL OFFICER'S REPORT FOR 1944.

Medical Officer: Ernest Talbot, M.B., Ch.B.

Health Visitor: Nurse F. Spencer, S.R.N., S.C.M.

The meetings are held fortnightly (on Thursdays) at St. Mary's School, Hollingworth.

During the year the Centre was opened on twenty-six occasions.

The following are the figures of attendances:-

Total number of attendances;	1267.
Total number seen by Medical Officer.	250.
Total number of New Cases attending.	68.
Average attendance per meeting.	48.

The attendances during the year, though not as high as in the preceding year, when almost 1,500 attendances were recorded, have been satisfactory.

The interest of the mothers has been well maintained. The health of the infants attending has been good, and they have been clean and well clothed.

The periodic supervision, the provision of a safe milk supply at reasonable cost, the issue of fruit juices and cod liver oil, have proved invaluable in maintaining the well-being of the infants, in spite of the restrictions and privations of wartime conditions.

It is of paramount importance that every infant should have this opportunity of starting life with sound health.

Nurse Bullough, after seven years service at the Centre, has left to take up other work in the County. Her assistance and guidance were greatly appreciated by the mothers. Her position has been taken by Nurse Spencer, S.R.N., S.C.M., who also holds certificates from the National Society of Day Nurseries, and in Mothercraft. She is therefore exceptionally well qualified for the duties involved.

Owing to indisposition I was unable to attend personally for a period of several months, during which time locums deputized for me.

The Ladies' Committee continued their efficient work and organisation to the satisfaction of all concerned.

ERNEST TALBOT, M.B.,

SANITARY INSPECTOR'S REPORT.

Year Ending December, 1944.

To the Chairman and Members of the Longdendale Urban District Council.  
Gentlemen,

I have pleasure in submitting to you my Annual Report for the Year 1944.

HOUSING.

No houses have been erected during the year.

NEW BUILDINGS ERECTED.

- 1 Garage, Moss Lane, Broadbottom. (Temporary Building).
- 1 Stable and Shed. Chain Bar Road, Hattersley. (Temporary Building).

ALTERATIONS AND ADDITIONS TO BAKE-HOUSES.

- 1 Rear of No. 43 and No. 45, Market Street, Mottram.

NUISANCES - ACTION TAKEN AND RESULTS.

Sanitary Inspections	...	1120.
Statutory Notices served	...	2.
Informal Notices Served	...	33.
Abated with or without Notices		353.

CONVERSIONS OF SANITARY CONVENIENCES.

- 8 Ashpits. Substituted with 14 Refuse Bins.
- 5 Pail Closets. Converted to Fresh Water Carriage System.

ADDITIONAL SANITARY CONVENIENCES.

Ashbins	...	15.
Fresh Water Closots.	...	3.
Septic Tanks.	...	2.
Baths.	...	1.

DESCRIPTION AND APPROXIMATE NUMBER OF SANITARY CONVENIENCES.

Ashbins	...	1422.
Privies (Pails)	...	757.
Privies (Fixed)	...	2.
Fresh Water Closots	...	845.
Waste do.	...	54.
Hand Flush Closets	...	9.
Latrines	...	12.
Septic Tanks.	...	96.

APPROXIMATE NUMBER OF BATHS.

Private	...	379.
Clubs	...	2.
Public Slipper Baths	...	6.
Total		<u>387.</u>

### DISINFESTATION OF HOUSES.

<u>Nature of Infestation.</u>	<u>Houses Disinfected.</u>	<u>Rooms Dealt with.</u>	<u>Method of Disinfestation.</u>
Bugs.	1	8	Intersecticides.
Foul Condition.	1	5	Fumigants and
Beetles	1	1	Beetle Paste.

### DISINFECTION OF HOUSES.

<u>Premises Disinfected.</u>	<u>After Infectious Diseases.</u>	<u>Method of Disinfection.</u>
39 Houses	67 Rooms.	Liquid Spraying
2 Schools.	6 Rooms.	and Formic Acid Gas.

In several cases Bedding and Clothing have been removed and destroyed from premises where patients have died from Malignant Diseases and Tuberculosis.

RATS AND MICE (Destruction Order) 1919.

RATS AND MICE (Infestation Order) 1943.

### Minor Infestations Located and Dealt with in accordance with requirements.

Houses	...	4.
Refuse Tips (Broadbottom Road)		1.
Hen Runs, Yards, and other premises		13.

All with satisfactory results.

### Heavy Infestations Located and Dealt with direct by the Cheshire County Rodent Staff.

Land adjoining Hill End Cooking Centre, Broadbottom Rd.  
Land and Works, Knackers Yard and Fat Boiling Premises,  
Hyde Brook Works, Mottram.

All with satisfactory results.

### SEWER RODENT CONTROL.

All Sewers and Outfall Works maintained by the Council have been treated in accordance with Schedule issued by the Director of Infestation, and whilst the work was in progress a Ministry of Food Inspector was in attendance. Assistance and Advice given by the Inspector during the carrying out of the work was greatly appreciated by me and the Staff. I am pleased to report that the Council Sewers are practically free from Rat Infestation.

### LICENSED SLAUGHTER-HOUSES AND KNACKERS YARDS.

Slaughter-Houses	...	4.
Knackers Yards	...	1.

NOTE: Slaughter-Houses are now only used for Killing of Pigs by Special Licence in accordance with Government Requirements.

### MEAT AND FOOD INSPECTIONS.

<u>Number of Carcasses Inspected.</u>	<u>Where Killed.</u>	<u>Carcasses or Parts Condemned.</u>	<u>Remarks.</u>
Pigs 13.	Licenced Premises.	None.	-
Calf. 1.	Farm House.	None.	Casualty Case reported and dealt with as per instruction.



FOOD CONDEMNED AS UNFIT FOR HUMAN CONSUMPTION.

A quantity of foodstuffs was condemned during the year, mostly canned goods.

FACTORIES AND WORKSHOPS.

Textiles, Bleaching, Garments,  
Gas Works, Saw Mills, etc. ... 33.

These premises have been inspected during the year, minor defects being located and remedied.

BAKE-HOUSES AND BAKERIES.

No. of registered premises totals ... 13.

These premises are registered as Retail Bake-Houses. All are above ground level and in a good state of repair. Minor defects were located during inspections; the attention of the owners being drawn to same and defects dealt with.

FARMS, DAIRIES, COWKEEPERS AND MILK SHOPS.

Farms.	...	...	...	43.
Dairies.	...	...	...	40.
Cowsheds.	...	...	...	70.
Cowkeepers (Producers)	...	...	...	40.
Cowkeepers (Non-producers)	...	...	...	3.
Retailers, Local.	...	...	...	40.
Wholesalers, Local.	...	...	...	35.
Other Producers (not Local)	...	...	...	6.
Accredited.	...	...	...	10.
Shop Premises.	...	...	...	16.
Wholesalers:				
Pasteurised and Sterilized. (Not Local)				2.

All premises in connection with above have been inspected during the year and I am pleased to report good progress has been made in several of the premises regarding Cowsheds, Dairies, Appliances, and the installing of Electricity where applicable. During the year I have had occasion to investigate, after reports, concerning unsatisfactory condition of Milk supplied by Local Farmers to a Dairy in an adjoining District. I took up the matter and found that the container from the Dairy to the Farm had not been sterilized. Since then I have not had any further reports from this source. The other case was that of not properly cooling the milk before delivery. This was immediately dealt with and remedied.

WATER SUPPLY STATISTICS.

<u>Populous Area.</u>	<u>Approximate Numbers.</u>	
	<u>Houses Served</u>	<u>Population.</u>
Local Authorities Supply ...	1477	4300
<u>Out Districts.</u>		
Private Water Supply (Springs, Wells, Pumps) ...	196	300
Total	1673	4600

AVERAGE DAILY WATER CONSUMPTION.

LOCAL AUTHORITIES SUPPLY.

	Domestic Supply Thousand Galls.	Other Purposes Thousand Galls.	Total Thousand Galls.
Hollingworth Ward	38.00	2.00	40.00
Mottram & Broadbottom Wards.	38.00	2.50	40.50
Total	76.00	4.50	80.50

AVERAGE DAILY CONSUMPTION PER HEAD OF POPULATION SERVED.

	Houses Served.	Population Served	Average Daily Consumption Thousand Galls.	Average Consumption per Head per Day. Galls.
Hollingworth Ward.	635	1830	38.00	20.7
Mottram & Broadbottom Wards.	842	2470	38.00	15.39

AVERAGE DAILY CONSUMPTION PER HEAD OVER WHOLE DISTRICT.

Houses Served.	Population Served	Average Daily Consumption Thousand Galls.	Average Consumption per Head per Day Galls.
1477	4300	76.00	17.67

There has been an ample supply of Water in the District during the year from the Council's source of supply.

SEWAGE OUTFALL WORKS.

HOLLINGWORTH AND BROADBOTTOM WORKS.

Samples of Effluents have been taken by the River Board Inspectors during the year from the above works; the Analyst's Report of same being satisfactory.

This concludes my Report, and I take the opportunity of thanking the Members of the Council, Officials and Staff for their valued assistance to me during the year.

I remain,

Your obedient Servant,

H. HAYNES.

Sanitary Inspector.